

Highway Patrol Discrimination

The announcement last week to the effect that twenty-eight rookie Highway Patrolmen were graduated March 15 from the Department of Motor Vehicles basic training school at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill should be of grave concern to every intelligent Negro citizen of the state. When it is considered that the Department of Motor Vehicles, from its very beginning, has maintained a consistent policy of discrimination against Negro citizens of North Carolina, by refusing to employ a single one of them as a highway patrolman, the state of affairs must be reviewed as a very serious situation.

We think the time has arrived when Negro leaders of North Carolina should confront the governor and the N. C. General Assembly, now in session, with this running and putrid sore in the state's social order. They should speak out now against any public agencies of the state main-

taining a policy of discrimination because of race.

We would remind the governor and other high state officials that the taxes of all citizens of North Carolina are being used to pay the salaries and other costs of maintaining the N. C. Highway Patrol. To bar a citizen or taxpayer from employment in the department solely on account of race or color is not only pernicious and unjust but contrary to all democratic principles.

It is our feeling, therefore, that if relief for Negroes from this bias employment policy of the State Highway Patrol is not forthcoming that they should turn to the federal courts for a remedy. They should do so even if it means taking out a restraining order to halt the use of state and federal funds in any and all departments of North Carolina that maintain a policy of discrimination on account of race.

Better Leadership Needed for Durham

More and more it is becoming apparent that fundamentally the city and county of Durham are minus the kind of leadership, in both the City Council and County Commissioners, capable of competing with other major cities of the state in moving in the directions of progress. Certainly the lack of vision exhibited by the members of the County Commissioners in surrendering their leadership to the Citizens Council, in the matter of the proposed hospital bond election, is a tragic example of the apathy, lethargy and downright inadequacy of those who now compose the Board of County Commissioners.

Although in the case of the City Council, the situation is considered far in advance of that of the County Commissioners, there is also much to be desired on its part. With the exception of the lone Negro member of the City Council, top-ranking officials of the city have little or no lines of open communication with the Negro community, which presently consists of 30,000 souls or a little over one-third of Durham's total population.

A visit to the City Hall, and No. 4 Fire Station will reveal two graphic pictures of just what a raw deal Negro citizens and taxpayers are being dealt by the city of Durham. Instead of a fair and equal distribution of the jobs in City Hall, they will discover to their amazement that with the exception of the police department and janitorial jobs, Negroes are on the outside looking in.

In the case of the No. 4 Fire

Station, the visit will reveal that, with the exception of the building, itself, the facility is entirely inadequate. As we have previously endeavored to warn Negro leaders and citizens of Durham in these columns, Fire Station No. 4, which has entirely a Negro staff, is criminally unequipped so far as fire-fighting machinery is concerned. Thus it may be in the end that Negro citizens will be compelled to demand that all the fire stations of Durham be integrated in order to find a solution to the problem which has arisen by the refusal of City officials to provide adequate fire-fighting equipment for Fire Station No. 4.

In the case of the County Commissioners, it is our honest opinion that the present members, as a whole, do not possess the intelligence or the courage to furnish the kind of leadership needed for Durham County. We think, therefore, before the new wing of the courthouse is completed that the voters of Durham should rise up and give the old building a first-class scrubbing or cleaning by electing some new persons to the Board of County Commissioners. In the selection of the new members it will be a step in the right direction if the voters will elect one or two Negroes to the office. By so doing they will set up a line of communication between the white and Negro communities that is now so badly needed in Durham and that for lack of it is continuing to hold the county at a snail's pace in the matter of progress.

A Serious Question to Consider

If you are sincerely interested in the future of your race you will need to study carefully, thoughtfully and prayerfully the recent address delivered by J. S. Stewart at the 13th Anniversary Banquet of the Business and Professional Men's Club of Wilmington. Stewart, who is president of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Durham, is reported to have been at his best for the occasion and gave much food for thought to those who had come to the banquet for the expressed purpose of getting food for their stomach, instead of their minds.

Flowing all through Stewart's address was the admonition and warning that the 20 million or more Negroes of this country must set about now to become a race of producers, with something to sell, instead of a race of consumers that is always in the market in search of something to

buy. In short, Stewart admonished his audience that 'the Negro must learn to sell as well as buy, else we will remain a beggar race.'

Back in the kitchen black hands made the mayonnaise, canned the fruits and vegetables, that had been grown by the sweat and toil of Negroes, only to have the white man place his name on the package, bottle or can and put it on the market for sale. Thus the Negro came out on the short end of the stick with only the crumbs from his hard toil or efforts.

We think the contents of Stewart's address in Wilmington need careful consideration. We fling his challenge in the face of our leaders and cry out in all sincerity, what are you going to do about it? How long will you stand idly by while the Negro remains a race of buyers with nothing to sell?

Another Negro for City Council

Although no public announcement has yet been made of it, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the Durham Committee On Negro Affairs, Sunday, March 12, that Dr. C. E. Bouleware, instructor at N. C. College, religious and civic leader of Durham, will seek a seat on the City Council in the election to be held this Spring. From the standpoint of training and experience Dr. Bouleware is certain to be one of the best qualified candidates to offer for the office.

While there is a growing segment of white voters or citizens of Durham composed of those who are convinced that its 30,000 or more Negro citizens are entitled to more than one representative on the City Council, the majority of them will oppose any such move on the part of the Negro community. We think, therefore, if Dr. Bouleware is elected to the City Council it will be the result of a united effort on the part of the

white progressive citizens and Negro voters.

At is now stands the one Negro member of the Council is carrying a tremendous load in that his absence from a meeting on account of illness or the call of duty out of the city, leaves the Negro community, for the moment, without representation. Because of the urgency of the situation we urge Negro voters of Durham to prepare now to throw their full support behind the candidacy of Dr. Bouleware.

Likewise we appeal to the white voters, in general, to consider the fairness and the wisdom of according the 30,000 or more Negro citizens of Durham more than one member on the City Council. We are satisfied that the one Negro of the City Council, J. S. Stewart, will welcome the election of another of his race to the office, especially when he is as well qualified as Dr. Bouleware.



Is there a conspiracy in the making

-Thorpe

Continued from front page Court, is that of Mrs. Joyce Thorpe. Mrs. Thorpe and her family received their eviction notice from the McDougald Terrace project the day after she was elected president of the Parents' Club, a tenant organization.

LDF attorneys, led by Associate Counsel James M. Nabrit III, will argue that:

Mrs. Thorpe was denied due process of the law by her eviction from state and federally supported low-income housing since no procedures existed to tell her the reason for eviction, or give her a hearing to contest the eviction.

*The Durham Housing Authority may not evict Mrs. Thorpe arbitrarily and thus deny her the benefits of its program for low-income families.

*Mrs. Thorpe was entitled to a notice of the reason her low-income housing benefits were cancelled.

*Notice of the reasons for proposed governmental action adversely affecting a citizen's interests has been regarded as an essential element of due process in a variety of contexts.

*Mrs. Thorpe was entitled to an administrative hearing has long been regarded as one of the fundamental rudiments of fair procedure necessary where the government acts against a citizen's vital interest.

For years the local authorities have given tenants only month-to-month leases and have evicted tenants without stating a reason. Since this case was first presented to the Supreme Court, the federal government in February 1967 adopted a new rule somewhat modifying the eviction procedures.

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-West Point

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By the time Hall received official notice from the Air Force Academy of his appointment, he had graduated from high school, enlisted in the Army, and upon advice of his company commander at Ft. Gordon, had filed an application for admission to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The Preparatory School is a one year course especially designed to prepare men already in the armed forces for entrance into the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Hall will enter the Preparatory School in August 1967, and is scheduled to enter West Point in July 1968. The youth's first company commander at Ft. Gordon, Capt. Forster R. Farmer, said he had promoted Hall to PFC in advance of his time in grade "because he performed an excellent job." He added that Hall was an outstanding student leader, and for these reasons urged him to apply to the West Point Prep School.

-Action

Continued from frontpage ference; Benjamin Bryant, Jr. and John Stromans, both active NAACP members, were suspended for engaging in campus protests against "limitations of academic freedom and the quality of education they were receiving."

Their suspensions triggered further protests by the 1500-member student body and later led to a boycott of classes which reportedly proved to be 90 per cent effective.

The college discipline committee, consisting of five faculty members, prior to intervention by NAACP lawyers, had given the suspended students two hours notice to leave the campus. The Dean of Students had informed them that they were "indefinitely suspended" effective Feb. 24, 1967.

The May 1, 1967 show cause hearing in U.S. District Court will seek to permanently set aside the suspensions and a permanent injunction prohibiting future hearings from being conducted under the aegis of the college.

NAACP general counsel Robert L. Carter, assistant counsel Lewis M. Steel, and NAACP South Carolina attorney Matthew J. Perry represented the students, how had threatened to lead a march to the State Capitol to present their grievances to the Governor.

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-Contest

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-Powell

Continued from front page Among other church groups issuing similar statements are Presbytery of New York City (United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.), the New York City Baptist Society, the National Committee of Negro Churchmen (200 clergymen of 12 denominations), the Massachusetts Council of Churches, and other judicial bodies in New York and New Jersey.

In response to Congressman Celler's comment Sunday on a New York radio program that Congress responded to the very hostile climate that had been developed against Mr. Powell, and that lack of humility was Powell's "real crime," Dr. Douglass said that "this supports the belief of many that Congress has become party to a national lynching. In its proceedings against Powell the Congress has gone beyond the bounds of rational and moral restraint, tapping deep wells of racist passions.

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"SERVING A WORLD PARISH WITH CHRIST"
SINCE 1869
FAYETTEVILLE STREET DURHAM, N. C.
PHILIP R. COUSIN, The Minister
Sunday, March 26, 1967
6:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service
SERMON The Minister
SERMON By the Minister
Music by the Gospel Choir
Mrs. Marian Williams, Directing
Fred Mason at the Console
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUBJECT: "Proclaiming The Resurrection"
Miss Marie Faulk, Superintendent
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
SERMON The Minister
Subject: "TH EPRICE IS RIGHT"
Music by the Senior Choir
Mrs. Minnie Gilmore at the Console
Joseph Mitchell, Directing
6:00 P.M. Easter Film
Title: "The Parable"

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706 KENT STREET DURHAM, N. C.
L. O. SAUNDERS, The Minister
Sunday, March 26, 1967
9:15-10:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUBJECT: "Proclaiming the Resurrection"
Mr. Fred Hargraves, Superintendent
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
SERMON The Minister
Subject: "The Meaning Behind The Resurrection"
MUSIC Youth and Young Adult Choir
M. L. Stephens, at the Console
2:30 P.M. Services by Rev. Z. D. Harris.
Choir and Congregation
6:30 P.M. Easter Cantata

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Sunday, March 26, 1967
8:30 A.M. CALL TO WORSHIP Electronics
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Dr. Charles A. Ray, Superintendent
Cradle Roll, Beginners, and
Primary Departments
11:00 A.M. SERMON The Pastor
"On Christ's Message to the Churches of Asia Minor (America—The Laodiceans) Part IV (Rev. 2:19-20).
Revelations 3:15, 17b, 18a
Young People's Choir, Mrs. V. Alston Directress
6:30 P.M. BTU—Miss Amelia Thorpe, Directress
7:30 P.M. "On Christ's Message to the Churches of Asia Minor (America—The Laodiceans) Part VI (Rev. 2:19-20).
Gospel Choir, Mr. Wm. Allen, Director